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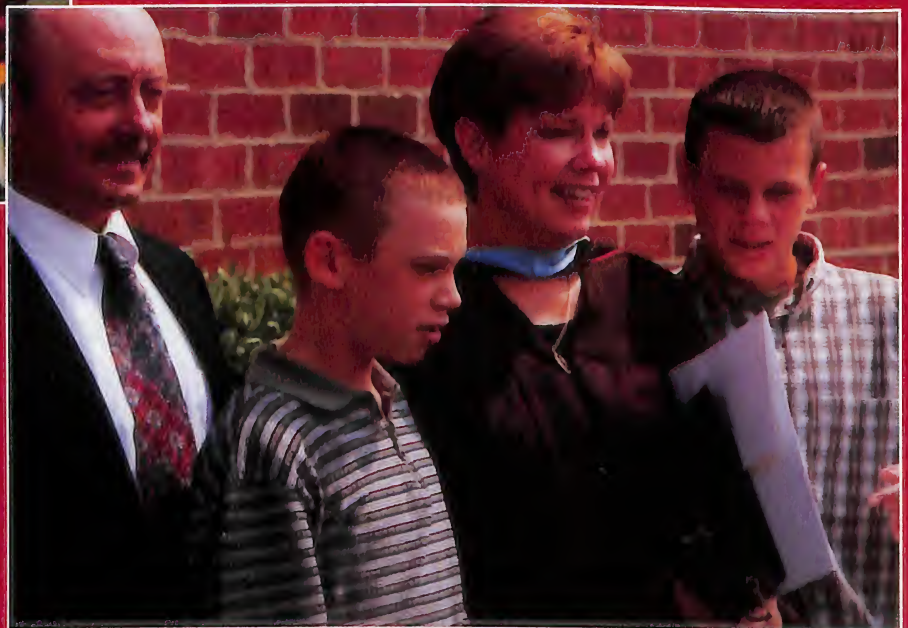
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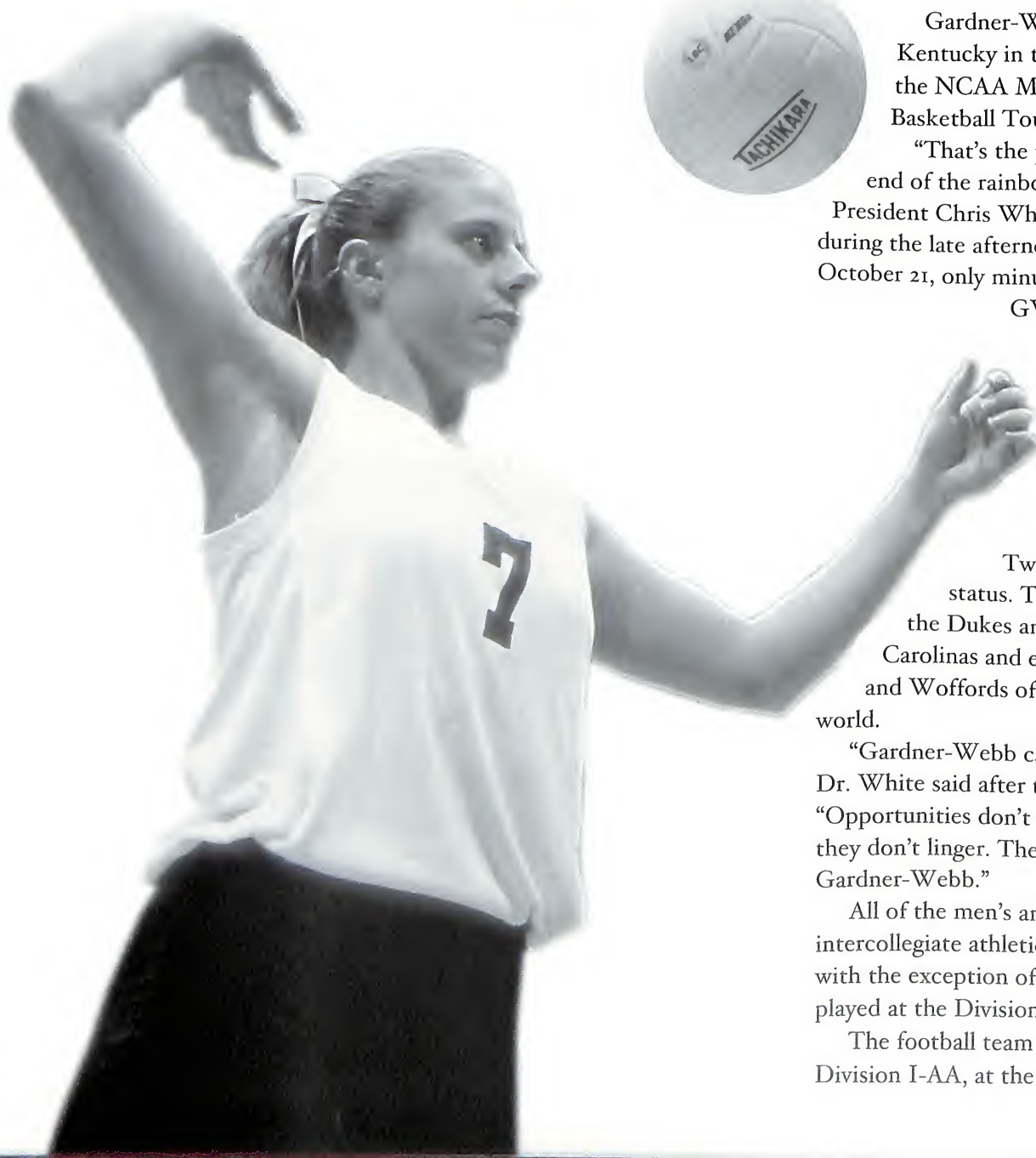
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Gardner-Webb versus Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA Men's Division One Basketball Tournament?

"That's the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow right there,"

President Chris White exclaimed during the late afternoon hours on October 21, only minutes after the

GWU Board of Trustees

unanimously voted to move the school's athletic program from NCAA Division

Two to Division One status. That's the same as the Dukes and the North Carolinas and even the Furmans and Woffords of the collegiate world.

"Gardner-Webb came of age today," Dr. White said after the trustee vote. "Opportunities don't come often and they don't linger. The time is now for Gardner-Webb."

All of the men's and women's intercollegiate athletics at the school, with the exception of football, will be played at the Division One level.

The football team will compete in Division I-AA, at the same level as



programs like Appalachian State and Western Carolina. The NCAA must receive notification by June 2000 of GWU's intent to reclassify. From that point, the first two years will be transitional years, and then in 2002-2003, Gardner-Webb joins the big boys for good.

Dr. White said the move signifies the latest step in Gardner-Webb's ascendancy to elite status in not only athletics, but every aspect of university life. "I'm excited, and I expect the student body and everyone associated with the school to see this as one of the more significant moves the school has made in the past decade. Gardner-Webb is definitely on the move, and it's a sign of the maturing nature of the school, a can-do attitude. Division Two was great ... but Division Two is not enough. Today we got married, and now it's up to the school to make the marriage work."

He added that the benefits of Division One athletics are many, including enhancing school prestige, the opportunity to help the university grow, and most importantly, instant national recruiting exposure for not only

athletes, but top-shelf students and faculty.

"Ever see the tickertape run across the bottom of CNN, the one that posts the scores? Only Division One scores run on that ticker. And Gardner-Webb will be on that ticker for all the nation to see. You can't buy that kind of exposure. The recognition factor will be immeasurable."

The ability to raise money to fund both athletics and academics should offset the change brought about by the move. "But," White explained, "the university is committed to the idea and we know right now that we can pay for it. It won't cost any more to attend Gardner-Webb because of the move. Financially, this is an investment, because scholarships and staff and travel cost money. But we can handle it, and we will."

He stressed that the move will benefit other parts of the university besides athletics, and that he expects academic standards to increase with the move.

"This is a proclamation that the university has achieved a status worthy of competition with major universities in this region. In our

society, the perception is that Division One athletics constitute excellence."

Roy Kirby, head football coach at nearby Crest High School and a GWU alumnus, said, "I see every part of the school and Cleveland County as a whole benefiting from this decision. This is huge. Division One is really the big time, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

He added, "This is an exciting time to be a Gardner-Webb graduate, and I'm sure more people locally will take an interest in the school as the athletic teams, and the university, grow in stature."

Dr. White offered only one word of caution to GWU fans, students and boosters: Patience.

"We won't be competitive the first few years. There's no immediate return. But it will pay off in the long run, and I hope that everyone associated with Gardner-Webb University will be better off in the long run because of it."

(Special thanks to The Shelby Star newspaper, which contributed to this article.)

MUSIC MASTER

He's played music with Grammy Award Winner John Tesh. He's conducted orchestras all over the world. He's an ordained minister, an educator, and the father of three. But, if you ask **Dr. Steven Plate** about any of these things, he will assure you "... it's just another day at the office."

Plate has been professor of music at Gardner-Webb University since 1990, where he is also the conductor of the University/Community Orchestra and teacher of music theory, music literature and instrumental conducting. "I love being an educator," says Plate. "I can't begin to express how gratifying it is to see your students succeed in their careers. I attempt to offer a bridge between theory and practical applications of music."

Plate discovered at an early age that music was going to be a part of his life. "My parents always said that I would sing myself to sleep as a baby. It seems that I have always had a love for music, even then," he remembered. Plate began studying music at the age of seven, and when he was 12 he became a piano student of Gloria Volanti of the Lincoln Center and was accepted into the Manhattan School of Performing Arts. Plate was also a frequent recitalist at the Steinway Recital Hall in New York City and was heavily involved in church and school music programs. He says that those experiences had a profound impact on his life.

"It was after Christmas during my senior year in high school that I knew that I wanted to pursue music as a career. I just knew."

Plate earned a bachelor's

degree in music education at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, and while attending Evangel, Plate studied piano with internationally known pianist and organist June Kean, a second generation Rachmaninoff protégé. Plate received his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He taught for nine years at Evangel College, and he served as a music minister at a Methodist church in Maine before coming to Gardner-Webb in 1990.

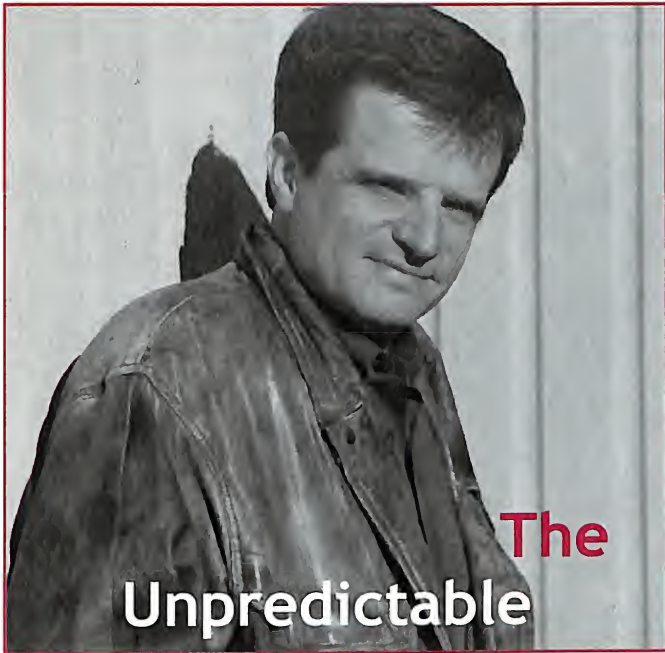
Today, Plate is best known for being the music director and principal conductor of the prestigious Charlotte Repertoire Orchestra (CRO), a post he's held since 1991. With more than 75 members, the orchestra is becoming one of the most critically acclaimed civic orchestras in the southeast. Comprised of professional and avocational musicians, the CRO has given performance opportunities to numerous rising musicians now entering the national and international performing circuits.

The CRO has also served as the premiere orchestra for many nationally known performers. "John Tesh called me and said that he was interested in having the CRO perform with him. We had two weeks to put the orchestra together and had only two hours of rehearsals. But, I feel that we were successful."

Plate has also served as guest conductor for several orchestras around the world, including orchestras in Guam, Japan and Russia.

"Music is the universal language. It's a language that breaks through cultural, political and religious barriers. People are able to make connections through music when all else seems to fail."





The Unpredictable Road

Dr. Charles Moore sits behind a desk in a cramped office in the Washburn House on campus. Postcards and artwork are sprayed across every wall from top to bottom. A student he is advising waits seated in the floor of the narrow hallway outside his door. Moore is smiling. He is at a good moment in his life, he declares. A fun-loving professor of Spanish, he hardly gives the impression that for three-and-a-half stressful years he was a player in matters of national security.

His title in his secret life? "Latin American Intelligence Analyst." With it came hectic travel requirements and an amazing new group of phrases to which he would quickly become accustomed, like "top secret clearance" and "highly classified mission."

Two years out of graduate school and working as a civil servant ("I'm not military ... by far," he says laughing), he was thrust into something called the Joint Special Operations Command, a branch of the Department of Defense at Fort Bragg. Soon he was performing threat analyses of U.S. personnel in Latin America. Plainly stated, he acted as a liaison between spies in the field and the commanding generals who took their orders directly from the

Moore: "You Never Know Where You're Going To End Up"

White House chief of staff.

"I analyzed these spy reports for credibility, which meant I was constantly traveling between D.C. and several Latin American countries. It was fascinating, really. I had to learn the cultures of all these countries and, based on my knowledge and experience, judge whether the information we were receiving was accurate, harmful or helpful."

He adds that the U.S. invasion of Panama was escalating during his time with the Department of Defense as well. "My job was to know who Manuel Noriega was, where he was, and who he was with," Moore states, almost incredulous that he had been given such responsibility.

Wondering if maybe he has divulged too much about his government experience, he pauses and shrugs his shoulders. He figures he's safe. "They made a movie about the whole thing. It was called 'Delta Force.' Maybe you've seen it? It had Charles Bronson and everything."

He adds, "I'm happy that part of my life is over with, but I'm extremely proud of what I accomplished there. How many others can say they did what I did and saw what I saw?"

Life now is more predictable, more stable. And that suits Charles Moore just fine. "I turned 40 this past summer and I wondered what I had done with my life ... and when I look back on it, I realize I have a lot to offer my students, not only in the classroom, but with advice about real life."

And, he says, Gardner-Webb provides the prefect environment for that interaction. "The freedom we have here to invest in our students and in our own pursuits just thrills me. I mean, who would have ever thought that I could write a book?"

El arte de predicar de Juan de Espinosa Medrano en La novena maravilla, which is being published before year-end 1999, was an outgrowth of his dissertation, he explains. "And it's just the greatest thing I've ever done."

Considering the life Moore's led, that's saying quite a lot.



Catcher Rising Star

Baseball Star ... Law School Applicant ... Future Politician ... Author ... what next?

Baseball players are only concerned with their batting averages. Writing and reading are limited to English majors. Students must be interested in just one field of study.

Once in a while, someone comes along and breaks all these stereotypes. Senior **Wes Barkley** is a catcher for Gardner-Webb's baseball team, a double major in history and political science, and is planning to go to law school. But that's not all.

Barkley is also a writer. His favorite genre is historical fiction, and he specializes in the Civil War. He recently signed a contract for *The Anderson Chronicles*, a five-book series that traces five brothers through the Civil War. It is based on a Civil War unit around Catawba, near Hickory, where Barkley lived during high school.

He got the idea for the series from a research paper he wrote for one of his GWU classes. The first book, *How the Gallant Fell*, will be released when he completes the second book. Barkley explained that when a series is being published, the

next one must be finished before the preceding one can be released.

"I developed the characters for my books from the personalities of my roommates and my younger brother. The characters even look like them," Barkley said. He explained that his roommates are perfect for observation because he sees them all of the time and can predict how they would act in certain situations.

He attributes some of his success to the teachers at Gardner-Webb. "I've always been interested in the way people wrote, so I read a lot. I wanted to write, but did not do much until the teachers here helped me to see that I was good at it," Barkley admitted.

"I always thought that since I was not good at grammar, I could not be a writer. Then I realized that editors are the ones who are in charge of that," Barkley said. Like any other author, he also experienced the surprise of dealing with editors who changed not only his words, but also his ideas. "The

trick is to find an editor who thinks like you do," he advised.

Another credit is due to the Macintosh computer lab in the Communication Studies Hall, where Barkley worked during his freshman and sophomore years. It was there that he began writing a lot because it was quiet and he was alone most of the time.

Now he works in the Bost Gym weight room, which is convenient because the baseball program requires that players participate in workout sessions.

Baseball has been a large part of Barkley's life "from the beginning." He explained, "I have relatives who were professional baseball players, so it was natural for me to play."

As for his baseball future, being a law student and an author will not leave much time for him to play. "I'll always love baseball. I'd like to coach Little League one day," Barkley said.

Barkley has applied to law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest, Campbell and the University of South Carolina. He plans to practice law for a while and then get into politics. "Being a strong Christian and being involved in politics at the same time will be challenging," he said.

He also plans to publish more books in his free time. For recreation, Barkley enjoys all sports and loves to read novels by Tom Clancy. He admires Clancy's style and use of dialogue.

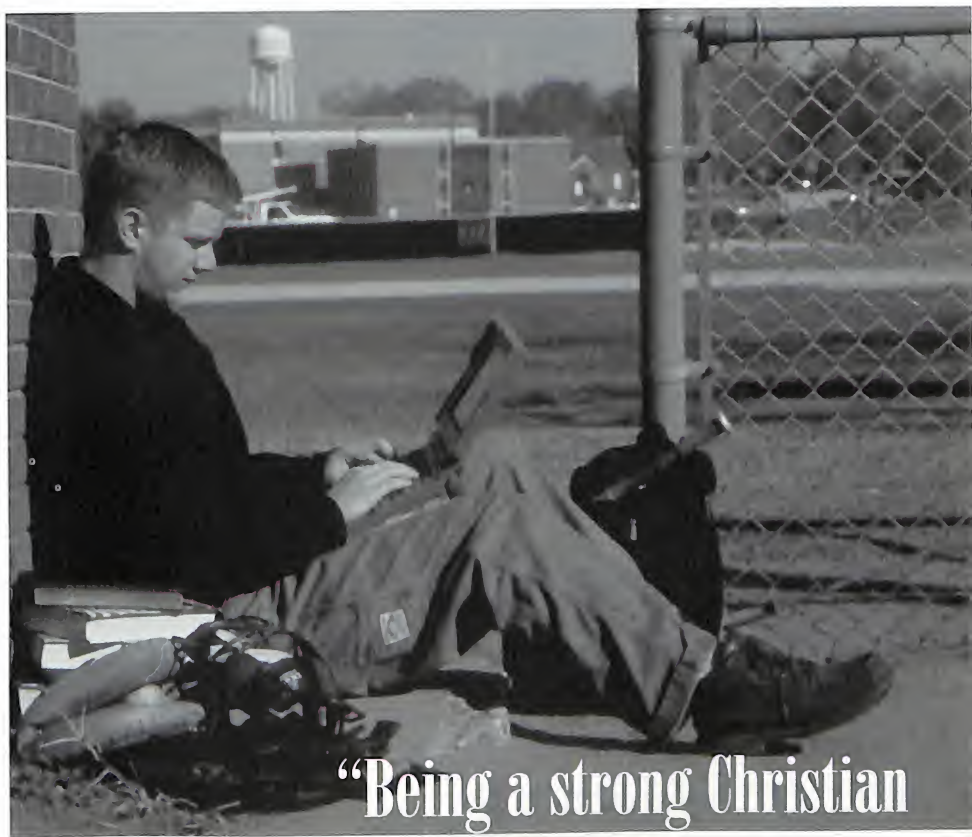
Barkley was born in Pensacola, Florida, on a Marine Corps base. He and his brother and sister grew up all over, spending the bulk of their time in Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia.

His father, William S. Barkley, Jr., an alumnus of Gardner-Webb, took him to many Civil War

battlefields in Virginia. These visits gave Wes the historical background necessary to write his books.

Barkley's awards and recognitions include Presidential Associate, SAAC member, recipient of Presidential Scholarships and Veteran Scholarships, and the Dean's List.

(Courtne Walton, GWU public relations intern, contributed this article.)



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Alumnus of the Future: Dana Grant

Dana Grant, who is expected to graduate in May 2000, is the first recipient of the Alumnus of the Future Award. The Gardner-Webb University Office of Alumni and Parent Relations officially presented this award to Grant during Homecoming ceremonies on October 8, 1999.

Members of the Student Alumni Association nominated Grant for this award. "I'm very humbled because it represents one person who stands for the same values GWU does. I'm honored that they thought I represented that," Grant said.



A psychology major with a religious education minor, Grant finds time to serve as a senior campaign committee member, a nursing home coordinator, a volunteer at homeless shelters and a worship leader on campus.

She has been very active with the Christian Service Organization and Christian Ministries United Council, and serves as a key member of FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians United in Service), which coordinates student-led services in local churches. She has also traveled with missionary Charles Shelton to Brazil, Puerto Rico, and various states within the U.S.

According to Grant, Gardner-Webb's biggest influence on her life has been "the examples others set by showing that it is possible to live a Christian life and walk closely with the Lord."

(Courtne Walton, GWU public relations intern, contributed this article.)



SENIOR PINNING CEREMONY DRAWS ITS LARGEST CROWD

Families hugged, sweethearts traded tender glances, and parents offered a special word of encouragement and support. On an occasion that felt more like Valentine's Day rather than a mild, fall evening, the third annual Senior Pinning Ceremony this fall filled all in attendance with unmistakable emotion.

The ceremony, first held in 1997, is a time for seniors to reflect back on sacrifices made by families, tears shed with friends, and personal obstacles overcome as they near graduation. This year 625 people attended the ceremony, held in Lindsay Court on campus.

The cornerstone of the ceremony is the presentation of a specially designed pin from the University to the seniors. Marked with the Gardner-Webb arch, the most traditional and recognizable symbol on campus, and also marked with a cross, the pin is placed on the coat or lapel of the senior by someone who is of special significance to the student. Professors, parents, boyfriends and girlfriends, grandparents and roommates were among those invited to present this special memento to a senior.

Seniors were asked to explain why they chose the pinner, and the pinner was asked to explain why their student was important to them. "The pin is just a symbol, but it holds significance," said Drew Van Horn, GWU v.p. for university relations. "In generations past, students marched through the arch on graduation day as a rite of passage. It is made of granite, standing firm and unable to be moved. The cross is reminiscent of our Christian heritage, and we hope you have come into contact with God and become a changed person while at Gardner-Webb.

"With the placement of this pin on you by someone you love, you're sealing friendships and memories of your GWU experience."

This year's ceremony had an extra special flavor to it as hundreds of GOAL students were on hand to participate. Scheduling conflicts between the ceremony and GOAL classes in years past had made it difficult for the program's seniors to attend. Addressing the GOAL students specifically, GWU President Dr. Chris White said, "The process of gaining your education has not been a sprint, it's been a marathon. So I challenge you to press on and finish with a flourish."

AGENCY COUNSELING STUDENTS: WATCH US GROW

Spotlight On A Flourishing Master's Program

"Combining the practical with the theoretical." That phrase sometimes loses its luster in academia because it many times is used too loosely and too often. But there is perhaps no better way to describe one of the greatest strengths of the agency counseling program within the GWU Graduate School of Education and Counseling, according to Dr. Frieda Brown, GWU professor of psychology, who began this program.

"With nearly 80 students enrolled in this 12-year-old program, agency counseling is a professional counseling specialty that involves the application of principles of psychotherapy, human development, learning theory, group dynamics and the assessment of mental illness and dysfunctional behavior," Brown said. "It also includes the practice of prevention, early intervention, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders for individuals, families, and/or groups and consultation and education for community groups



Dr. Jackson Rainer and Dr. Frieda Brown

interested in promoting healthy lifestyles within the community."

The program is offered on Gardner-Webb's Boiling Springs and Statesville campuses.

Students leave this rigorous master's program as licensed professional counselors, equipped to move on to professional roles in settings like mental health facilities, juvenile counseling centers and departments of social services, among others.

A cornerstone of the program is exposing students to various facilities where their talents would be useful, as well as allowing students to observe in action the theories and models they routinely study in their classes. Case in point: a recent trip by 32 agency counseling students to Atlanta to observe the Carter Mental Health Center Project, where

mental health policy is created and implemented, and The Bridge, a residential treatment facility for adolescents.

Laura Genois, a student on the trip, noted, "What was so interesting about our trip to Atlanta was the dichotomy of possible settings for someone in the counseling profession: from hands-on treatment to addressing global health and mental health issues."

Judy Howell, also a student, added, "The Atlanta trip was fantastic! Experience is always the best teacher. Being able to observe firsthand an operational adolescent center and mental health advocacy facility were invaluable opportunities. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Yet another student, Jennifer Hatfield, put the experience into perspective for all who attended: "I was very encouraged when I saw that the theories we are currently

studying are being used in the agency settings. It was also helpful to take the theoretical portion of our program and to

actually see how it fits with an agency program."

Dr. Brown and Dr. Jackson Rainer, GWU associate professor of psychology, accompanied the students on the trip. Both labeled the venture a great success. Also affirming the trip's value was Dr. Darlene Gravett, dean of the Graduate School of Education and Counseling.

"Taking professional trips, during which students are able to be encouraged that they are learning practical skills, is a key to this program's success," said Gravett. "I encourage more faculty throughout the university to get students out of the classroom and expose them to practical settings."

For more information, call 704-406-4723.

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Forever Enshrined In The Hall of Fame

With everyone talking about Gardner-Webb's move to Division One athletics, it might be easy to forget the university's roots, first as a NAIA power and then as a successful NCAA Division Two institution. The Hall of Fame banquet, held during Homecoming weekend, made sure we remember notable athletes who have contributed greatly to GWU's history as an outstanding producer of top-level talent.

Honored this year were three inductees – Arnold Isaacs, Darrell Perry and Darrell Middleton. A fourth inductee, Dr. Gene Washburn, was honored for a lifetime of service to GWU athletic teams.

A former GWU Alumnus of the Year recipient, Isaacs has built a legacy as an undeniable success in the business world, leading his construction company (F.N. Thompson Inc.) in such high-profile projects as the Charlotte Coliseum and Ericsson Stadium. But those who followed the Runnin' Bulldogs in the 1950s know that Arnold Isaacs was a star long before dominating the Southeast's construction industry.

Isaacs established a reputation as one of the elite three-sport athletes in GWU history during his two years at Gardner-Webb from 1955 to 1957. Known for lightning quickness and a hard-nosed playing style in football, baseball and basketball, Isaacs earned many honors during his freshman and sophomore seasons. As an offensive halfback, Isaacs capped off a stellar sophomore season with a three-touchdown performance versus Lees-McRae that propelled him to All-Conference status. He averaged 22 points per game on the basketball court as a freshman to earn a spot on the All-Conference team. And as a baseball infielder, Isaacs was one of five

Gardner-Webb players selected to the All-State team. He went on to play football at Western Carolina University.

Darrell Perry left his mark on GWU athletics and the South Atlantic Conference as one of the toughest defensive players in conference history. A natural athlete who grew up with future NFL stars, brothers William ("The Refrigerator") and Michael Dean Perry, Darrell was the cornerstone of a defensive unit that dominated the competition for four years (1982–85).

Among his incredible accomplishments include being named the 1985 SAC-8 Defensive Player of the Year with 163 tackles, a school-record 119 solo hits and a school-record 11 quarterback sacks. The "Icebox" was named All SAC-8 three times in his career and finished his stint at GWU with 399 tackles, 24 quarterback sacks, five interceptions and eight fumble recoveries.

Darrell Middleton is simply the most decorated running back in Gardner-Webb gridiron history. Middleton ran through, around and over South Atlantic Conference opponents from 1986 to 1989.

A 1989 NAIA All-American, Middleton's resume also includes being the all-time leading rusher at GWU with 4,032 yards. He has the most career touchdowns (38), the most career carries (618), and the most 1,000-yard rushing seasons (two, 1988 and 1989). His #25 football jersey is one of only four to ever be retired at the school.

Dr. Gene Washburn was also inducted into the Hall of Fame for his unyielding service to GWU athletics as team doctor.



*Darrell Middleton, Arnold Isaacs
and Darrell Perry proudly display
their Hall of Fame rings
during Homecoming*

BASEBALL EXCITEMENT IN FULL SWING

A new air of excitement has surrounded the GWU baseball program of late, due in large part to a campus visit by one of Major League Baseball's best pitchers and an announcement that new facilities are on the way.

On a sunny November day the baseball team held its 100-inning fundraising marathon with a very special guest in attendance. Tommy John, a former Major League pitching great who notched 288 career wins, lent his services for the event by pitching all 100 innings of the contest. John, whose son is a member of the GWU baseball team, looked like his old self on the mound by sneaking fastballs inside on some hitters and throwing his trademark slider to others. The format of the game allowed each hitter one swing, with foul balls and strikes counting as outs.

Surprising everyone in attendance, including Head Coach Clyde Miller, John said after 50 innings that he thought he could throw a complete game against the split-squad teams. Afterward John graciously signed autographs, posed for pictures and granted interviews. The most exciting news of the day, however, came during the lunch break when President Chris White announced to players, parents and fans that a new baseball fieldhouse facility would be constructed immediately just beyond the right-field fence. Offices, dressing rooms, practice equipment and storage space will all be housed within the facility. Tennis offices will also be housed in the new building. Twelve new tennis courts are currently being constructed adjacent to the baseball stadium.

Dr. White said upgrading baseball facilities has been a need for some time now, but the announcement of GWU moving to Division I simply sped up the process. The president said once the building is complete, which will be in early Spring 2000, priority will be placed on upgrading the actual baseball stadium.



*Baseball Coach
Clyde Miller shows
off plans for the new
baseball facility*

GWU BASKETBALL COACH NAMED To NORTH GREENVILLE HALL OF FAME

Rick Scruggs, head men's basketball coach at GWU, was recently inducted into the North Greenville College Athletic Hall of Fame. Scruggs held his first head coaching position at North Greenville and tallied a 74-20 won-loss record in three years there (1986-89).

Scruggs was recognized for being a two-time conference Coach of the Year at North Greenville and for fielding conference championship teams in 1987-88 and 1988-89. Scruggs also garnered Region Coach of the Year honors in 1988-89 while leading his team to the NJCAA National Tournament and compiling a 30-4 record, which still stands as an all-time, single-season best at the school.

While his records and achievements are significant, said former NGC president Dr. Jimmy Epting, Scruggs is also worthy of this honor because of his exceptional ability to motivate and inspire athletes. Scruggs was also recognized for developing "Shooting for Christ" at Gardner-Webb, a group of student-athletes who lead worship services and Bible studies at area churches.

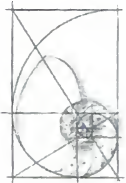
Although he developed several professional basketball prospects during his time at North Greenville, Scruggs credits the school with more than on-the-court rewards. "My life was transformed at North Greenville. It's a special place to me not only because the school gave me my first shot at being a head coach, but because I met my wife there and I was led to the Lord there as well. And, as a bonus, we happened to play some pretty good basketball during that time, too."



SINCE WE LAST MET

New Character Book Includes GWU

Gardner-Webb learned in October that it was once again honored among an elite few by the John Templeton Foundation for leadership in the field of student character development.



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GWU was officially recognized in *The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development*, a guidebook that was released nationwide recently. Specifically, Gardner-Webb was named among the U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an exemplary record of commitment to inspiring students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives.

Singled out by the publication was GWU's "Leadership Through Civic Responsibility" certificate program. Through academic instruction, work experience, and professional relationships, students are introduced to leadership theory and practice, participate in volunteer service, and experience Christian service through servant leadership.

There are two paths of specialization in this certificate program:

- Leadership Through Public Service – participants receive a hands-on education through involvement in governmental and political activities, internships, and opportunities to meet and work with notable public servants.
- Leadership Through Community Service – participants volunteer many hours of service to needy individuals and families and directly assist leaders of a variety of community service programs.

The Templeton Guide

states that "the college years are critical to character development. In college, young people are often living without parents for the first time and face new and difficult moral and ethical decisions. Colleges have a special responsibility and role to play in helping students navigate between increased personal freedom and new responsibilities."

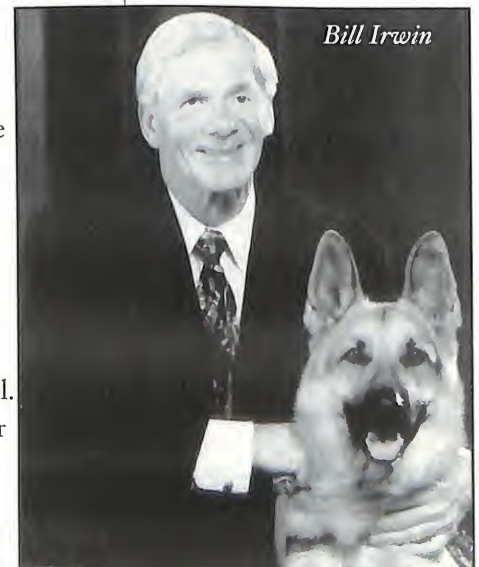
Blind Faith Captures GWU Audience

It was the story of man versus nature, man versus man, and man versus himself. It was the story of a man, who against unsurmountable odds achieved the impossible and became the only blind person in history to successfully hike the entire Appalachian Trail.

On November 29-30, Gardner-Webb hosted motivational

speaker and critically acclaimed author, Bill Irwin. In 1990, the world watched in amazement as Bill Irwin walked over 2,000 miles from Georgia to Maine on the Appalachian Trail, accompanied only by his guide dog, Orient. "It was something that I had to do. I really felt that God wanted me to walk the trail as a testimony to him," noted Irwin. "God had changed my life. I had been a broken man, emotionally and physically. But, I discovered that God can use anyone, regardless of their history or physical limitations."

Irwin remarked that he was no stranger to



adventure. In fact, he had defied death numerous times, even before attempting to walk the treacherous Appalachian Trail. "I nearly died at the age of 21 – I was once told that I had terminal cancer. I overcame 26 years of alcoholism and, at the age of 32, I lost my sight," remarked Irwin. "The Grim Reaper may have been speaking my name, but, I was listening to another call."

Irwin's unique message of perseverance captured the Gardner-Webb audience through his homespun, self-deprecating humor and life experiences (over 30 years in corporate America, recovery from alcoholism, the Appalachian Trail experience, and encounters as a family counselor).

Irwin has also inspired millions through his critically acclaimed autobiography, "Blind Courage." More information is available on Irwin on the internet at www.billirwin.com.

A Different Way To Call Campus

Gardner-Webb University has enjoyed significant growth in the last several years and has experienced several changes in the process. One recent change due to campus expansion has been the University's adoption of a new telephone exchange, 704-406.

Robin Gore, GWU telecommunications coordinator, explained, "We needed another large block of numbers to accommodate future growth of the University, but there were no more 704-434 numbers available for Gardner-Webb. So, to maintain consistency, the decision was made to use a new exchange."

Now, when trying to reach a department or

individual on the Gardner-Webb campus, callers should use the new 406 prefix.

In addition, the main switchboard number has changed to 704-406-4000.

Gore said that the 704-434 exchange will be phased out in residence halls as early as this spring, while numbers used for marketing purposes may be accessed with the 434 prefix for an extended transition period.

If you have difficulty accessing a GWU extension with the 704-406 phone exchange, you

may need to contact either your local or long distance phone company, depending on your calling location.

Simply alert the phone

company that you are trying to call a number with a prefix that has changed from 434 to 406 and, according to Gore,

the company then should add 406 to its list of phone prefixes for Boiling Springs, NC.

For further information about the new Gardner-Webb telephone exchange, you may call Robin Gore at 704-406-3996 or 704-434-3996.

Grant Will Aid Campus Planning Strategy

The Gardner-Webb administration announced recently that the Teagle Foundation has granted the institution just over \$273,000 for the purpose of funding GWU's strategic planning process and campus facilities master plan.

The strategic plan involves determining campus-wide goals for the future, and the master plan involves determining the strategy of how the campus' physical resources will be used and expanded.

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Also funded will be the hiring of a director of Institutional Planning & Research; the hiring of a strategic planning consultant; a planning retreat with all constituents represented: faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, students, and community members; and the Master Planner fee.

The grant will be paid over two years and the process is expected to last from January 2000 to July 2001.

M.B.A. /M.Div. Degree on the Horizon?

This fall, the Gardner-Webb University board of trustees voted to approve a new dual degree program.

This potential program (MBA/M.Div) will be a marriage between the M. Christopher White School of Divinity and the School of Business.

Officials believe that the MBA/M.Div degree will have a monumental impact on the entire church family. Dr. Anthony Negbenebor, director of the Gardner-Webb MBA Program says that, "With this

added degree program, Gardner-Webb will be setting the standard for



developing the church leaders of tomorrow. Currently there is not another program like this in the Southeast."

"We have qualified ministers with little knowledge of business and we also have qualified business leaders in churches with very little knowledge of theology,"



notes Negbenebor. "We see this degree as a way to bridge that gap."

A MBA/M.Div student would take courses offered through

both the School of Divinity and the School of Business.

Some of the projected courses for this degree are Pastoral Care & Counseling, Christian Theology, Administration & Leadership in the Church, Business Law & Ethics, Strategic Management and Human Resource Management.

"This degree would change the way that we look at church leadership," notes Negbenebor.

Officials hope to begin offering this degree in the fall of 2000.

WG WG Recognized With National Award

Gardner-Webb University's radio station, WG WG, recently received the highest honor by the Communicator Awards, the distinguished Crystal Award of Excellence.

The Crystal Award of Excellence was presented to WG WG for the feature program - "The Webb Sessions." The interview-based "Webb Sessions" spotlights music

industry talents from around the world, and offers insights on the people behind the music.

The Communicator Awards is a national awards organization that recognizes outstanding work in the



communications field. Entries are judged by industry professionals who look for companies or individuals whose talents exceeds a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry. There were nearly 1,200 entries in the 1999 Communicator Awards Audio competition. Other winning entries included productions for Universal Studios, McDonald's, Sears and Temple University.

The Communicator Awards holds annual competitions for VIDEO (Television Commercials/Programs/News and Video/Films), AUDIO

and PRINT MEDIA.

WGWG can be heard throughout the world on the GWU website at www.gardner-webb.edu.

Freshmen Initiated into GWU as "People Who Care"

by Courtnie Walton

This year's freshman orientation gave students a chance to put Gardner-Webb's motto into practice.

Besides all the memorable get-to-know-each-other games, students also participated in community service projects designed to introduce students to the community as "People Who Care."

Students took part in a variety of community services, which included visiting the elderly, tutoring middle school students, doing yard work, washing windows, painting houses and cleaning up the highway.

Each CCXP (Contemporary College Experience) class was assigned a service project with its own agency,

adding up to a total of 18 different agencies involved.

Each class provided one afternoon of service to the projects.

Several agencies that benefitted from these service opportunities include the Life Enrichment Center, Hospice of Cleveland County, Salvation Army, Cleveland County Girl's Club, Adopt-A-Highway and the Abuse Prevention Council.

Former GWU Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Boroughs and



current GWU Volunteer Coordinator Kelly Brame organized these projects because they wanted incoming students to gain information about volunteer agencies.

Brame said he hopes freshmen learned that "they can make a difference. Their time and efforts count."

He received positive

reactions from the students and the agencies.

Brame said he trusts that these projects helped the community to "establish deeper relations with Gardner-Webb University, and found that GWU is a good resource for meeting needs in the community."

Bruce Moore, dean of student development, took his CCXP class to the Life Enrichment Center. "It was fantastic. I was very proud of how the students related to the residents," he said.

Another CCXP class joined his at the center, and a total of approximately 40 students sang hymns and played bingo with the residents.

Student Patrick Woody's CCXP class went to Crest Middle School for a tour of the facilities and possible opportunities to interact with the students.

He said, "It was informative and gave me an incentive to find out more about service."

GWU Launches Kids Program

by Courtnie Walton

This summer, Gardner-Webb will launch a new program funded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation called "Journey of Joy."

It will benefit 16-20 seventh grade students from Cleveland, Rutherford, and Polk counties who have been selected by both GWU faculty and counselors and teachers from participating schools.

Students will participate in a two-week residency at Gardner-Webb during the summer. They will also attend an orientation in the spring and three or four Saturday enrichment and training programs throughout the school year with their parents.

The interdisciplinary curriculum will show participants how different disciplines relate to each other as opposed to the standard division of subjects. "Journey of Joy" will include the students, parents, counselors and teachers, and the community through its field trips, experiments and mentoring.



The spirit of the crowd and the determination of the football team were not to be denied before, during and after the big win against Lenoir-Rhyne.

HOMECOMING '99



Tailgating, face painting, kids laughing and students enjoying a luau by the lake were all priceless memories of Homecoming '99.





Kevin Todd Bess '95 B.A. is currently attending the U.S. Air Force Navigator Flight School in Pensacola, FL, while serving as a Second Lieutenant. Lt. Bess was a Distinguished Graduate from the Army Air Traffic Control Course at Ft. Rucker, AL



John Blanton Hiott '49 A.A. is retired from a life of service at Meredith College where he served as Registrar, Director of Planned Giving, and Director of Scholarships and Financial Assistance.



Gay Helms Melton '67 A.A. Nursing is currently the Adult Health Supervisor for the Cleveland County Health Department in Shelby, NC.

AWARDS AROUND FOR ALUMNI

It was an evening of recognitions and remembrances as Gardner-Webb University alumni gathered for the Alumni Awards Banquet held on October 8. During the Homecoming weekend event, several alumni were honored, including the Alumnus of the Year, Young Alumnus of the Year, Alumnus of the Future, inductees into the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates and new Alumni Board Members.

The 1999 Alumnus of the Year, Tom Bell '71 B.A., is the owner and CEO of Bell Transportation Systems in Atlanta, GA. He has demonstrated his support of academics by establishing numerous scholarships at his alma mater. Additionally, he serves as president of the Bulldog Club, and he personally and financially has supported several Gardner-Webb athletic teams, including the baseball and women's basketball programs. Bell also has recently taken over responsibilities as director of the Athletic Steering Committee at GWU.

Drew Van Horn, GWU vice president for university relations, said of Bell, "Tom has brought honor to Gardner-Webb by the way he benefits his community while remembering his alma mater. Alumni like Tom are key to the success of Gardner-Webb. We are as proud of him as he is of us."

Also recognized at the banquet was Young Alumnus of the Year **Martin White '93 B.A.**, a lieutenant with the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. Lieutenant White is currently stationed at the Naval Legal Defense Service Office in Norfolk, VA, as claims department head. White supervises 54 personnel, including 10 attorneys, and manages the largest

department in the Navy JAG Corps. He recently was recognized with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for service as defense counsel department head.

At Gardner-Webb, White earned the Most Outstanding Male Graduate Award and the William Withrow Political Science Award while also participating in the University Honors Program. He served as president of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and was a student representative to the National Council for Alpha Chi. White was also a letterman in tennis at GWU.

A new honor presented by the Alumni Office, the Alumnus of the Future Award, was given to GWU student Dana Grant, who plans on graduating in May 2000. She said, "I'm very humbled because the award represents one person who stands for the same values Gardner-Webb does." (See page 8)

Laurie Varley '93, GWU director of alumni relations, hailed the weekend as a resounding success. "It's a great feeling to have so many outstanding alumni gathered together at Homecoming. Just looking across the room at the Alumni Awards Banquet made all of us at the University realize that we should be very proud of the people who represent this institution as alumni."

Mark '86 and Kim '86 Sanders, co-vice presidents of the Alumni Board,



White



Bell

also announced the new Alumni Board members, who are listed on page 28.

In addition, the following alumni were inducted into the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates and either are featured in this issue of the Web or will be featured in upcoming editions:

Richard B. Ambrose '95 B.A. is the co-owner of Wahoo Drilling Corporation.

M. Reid Armstrong '58 A.A. is the president and majority owner of Holland Logistics in Statesville, NC.

Maynard Lancaster "Gabe" Austell '48 A.A. is presently retired but has held such positions as assistant general sales manger of Pilot Freight Carriers in Winston-Salem, NC and superintendent of the Oxford Masonic Orphanage in Oxford, NC.

Crystal D. Carson '98 B.A. is pursuing her master of arts degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill while working in the University Relations Department at UNC.

Lara Self Gopp '92 B.A. is a television producer and television host of a news-magazine program in Richland County, SC.

Gail Williams Helton '85 B.S. is the manager of accounting operations at Azdel, Inc. in Shelby, NC and is an MBA instructor at Gardner-Webb.

John Blanton Hiott '49 A.A. is retired from a career at Meredith College, where he served as registrar, director of planning giving and director of scholarships and financial assistance.

Sandra Keeter '92 B.A. is the vice president of Keeter Ford in Cherryville, NC.

Harwick Wiley Kiser, Jr. '94 B.S. is the president of Giros America, Inc. in Colfax, NC.

Ronald H. Lindler '85 B.A. is the senior vice president and Catawba County senior executive for BB&T.

Helyn Goode Lowery '46 is dean of the Isothermal Community College Business

Sciences Department.

Zeb Ashley Lowery '48 A.A. is a retired state employee who served more than 30 years in Rutherford County Schools.

Gay Helms Melton '67 A.A. is the adult health unit supervisor for the Cleveland County Health Department.

Lori A. Nanney '90 B.S., '98 M.A. is a first grade teacher at Boiling Springs Elementary School.

Max Padgett '50 A.A. is retired from working as the director of endowment development at Gardner-Webb and from serving in the public school system for more than 25 years.

Stephen B. Prevatte '97 M.Div. is associate minister of education at John's Creek Baptist Church in Alpharetta, GA.

Kimberly Austin Sanders '86 B.S. is an investment counselor and assistant vice president of Wachovia Investments in Atlanta, GA.

Mark C. Sanders '86 B.S. is the director of sales with Bell Transportation Systems in Atlanta, GA.

Charles Jerome "Jim" Spivey '49 A.A. is the president of C.J. Spivey Associates, Inc. in Charlotte, NC.

Anthony N. Strange '83 B.S. is the president and C.E.O. of Integrated Business Systems, Inc. in Richmond, VA.

Elena Vishnevskaya '95 B.A., '98 M.Div. is pursuing her Ph.D. in historical theology at Drew University in Madison, NJ, and is working as a researcher with InterVarsity Press.

Jesse Alton Watson '62 A.A. is the vice president of sales for Pfizer, Inc. in New York, NY.

Thomas Craig Watson III '87 B.S. is the vice president of Watson Insurance Agency in Gastonia, NC.

Rachel McKee Whitaker '87 B.S. is the human resources manager for Harris Welco in Kings Mountain, NC.



Lara Self Gopp '92 B.A. is a TV Producer/Educator and Host of a local news-magazine program in South Carolina. She belongs to the International Television and Video Association.



Jesse Alton Watson '62 A.A. he is the Vice President of Sales for Pfizer, Inc. While with Pfizer, he has participated in the Vice President's Club and the Vice President's Management Council. He has also been inducted into the Pfizer Hall of Fame.



Thomas Craig Watson, III '87 B.S. is currently the Vice President of Watson Insurance Agency in Gastonia, NC. He received the 1989-90 and 1990-91 Jaycee of the Year award.

CLASS NOTES

The '50s

George E. Kriminger '52

currently lives in Ocala, FL. The owner of Hidden Spring Thoroughbred Farm, Kriminger has raced thoroughbred horses for over 25 years.

Rebecca Deaton '58 A.A. is a visiting nurse for Forsyth Medical Center Home Care.

The '60s

Gary R. Lowe '63 A.A. has been appointed interim associate vice-chancellor for academic affairs at East Carolina University.

Bill Dillon '67 is the new principal at Pamlico County High School.

Eugenia Roten Price '67 A.A. and **Wayne C. Price '68** live in Casar, NC. Eugenia is a medical

transcriptionist and Wayne is a filter operations supervisor for Duke Energy. At their vacation home in Ashe County, the Prices recently hosted a reunion for the 1965-66 first-floor residents of Stroup dorm. In attendance were Bobbi Crouse Barrier of Dallas, NC; Sylvia Childers Holmes of Gaffney, SC; Melody Kirschner Toney of Enid, OK; and Linda "Cotton" Voncannon of Burlington, NC. The Prices' e-mail address is sing4joy@shelby.net.

Vickie Furlough '77 B.S. was named Teacher of the Year at Creswell High School, where she has taught science for 21 years.

Bob Setzer Jr. '77 B.A. and **Mary Wilson Setzer '76 B.A.** live in Macon, GA. Bob has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Macon for three years, and recently Judson Press released his new book, "Encounters with the Living Christ: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John."

Ronnie W. Parker '78 B.A. recently moved back to Charlotte. He is in his third year as pastor of Royal Oaks United Methodist Church in Kannapolis, NC.

Dr. Keith Edward Taylor '78 B.A. was married to Catherine M. Dempsey on August 7, 1999. He works for Mountainview Nursing Home and the bride is employed by QS/i Data Systems. The couple resides in Spartanburg, SC.

Scott Eanes '79 B.A. has just celebrated his 13th year as pastor of Fairview Baptist Church. Scott's wife, Bonnie, is the secretary for the South Yadkin Baptist Association. They have three children, Ryan, a freshman at Wake Forest University; Casey (15), a sophomore at Statesville High School; and Laura (13), a 7th grader at East Iredell Middle School. Scott's e-mail address is teanes@vvi.net.

The '80s

Rev. Patsy Voyles '80 B.A., a licensed private investigator, opened her own agency, Noble

The '70s

Joan Carol Lloyd Stone '72

B.S. is a math instructor at Middle Georgia Technical Institute. She has two sons, Charlie Ellison, a freshman at Clayton State College and University, and Anthony Ellison, a freshman at Tuiggs County High School.

Martha Ann Turner '72 B.S., a fifth grade teacher, has been elected "Teacher of the Year" at Tryon Elementary School, where she has taught for 25 years.

Brenda Gray '73 B.A. has been named executive vice president of development and communications for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Cathy McHenry Bird '75 B.S. is the principal of New Prospect Elementary School. She lives in Gramling, SC with her husband, Tommy, and two children, Suzanne and Thomas.

William Stanley "Stan"

Jenkins '75 B.A. has been called as the new pastor of Baptist Tabernacle in Knightdale, NC.

'40s spotlight



Charles Jerome "Jim" Spivey '49 A.A. was recently inducted into the Gardner-Webb University Gallery of Distinguished Graduates, and he also has helped distinguish the Class of '49 by challenging his

classmates to raise \$25,000 for the Class of '49 scholarship.

Spivey, the president of C.J. Spivey Associates, Inc., in Charlotte, said, "I have been a supporter of Gardner-Webb since I attended there. I felt that everyone working together to reach the goal was the right thing to do, and I wanted to make sure that we did it."

So, at their 50th year class reunion, Spivey encouraged his GWU classmates to contribute toward the scholarship fund, and he pledged that if the group reached a certain amount, he would pay the remainder to achieve the \$25,000 goal. The incentive worked, and to date, the members of the Class of '49 have surpassed their goal.

"Gardner-Webb provided me with a Christian education that has helped me throughout life, and I believe that this scholarship will help future students have good experiences as well."

Detective Service, in Wendell.

Joseph Lynn Crain '82 B.S. recently accepted a position with BellSouth as systems administrator responsible for the Columbia, SC and Jacksonville, FL, centers.

Pam D. Fish '82 B.S. and **Woody Fish '73 B.S., '83 M.A.** now live in Canton, NC, with their two children, Branden, 14, and Patrick, 8.

Olivia Gwaltney Riddle '83 B.S. is the new principal of Lake Norman Elementary School.

Tim Addis '84 B.S. was recently named principal at Lexington Middle School in Lexington, NC.

Tina Brinkley Page '84 B.A. recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with an M.S. in community counseling. She is a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and is working as a psychotherapist in her private practice. Tina also leads the Recovery Ministry at New Horizon Church in Durham, NC. Her e-mail address is ozbealpc@aol.com.

Patricia Mashburn Brown '85 B.S. GOAL was recently named the officer manager and payroll accountant at Foundry Service Co. in Biscoe, NC.

James T. "Jimmy" Harris '86 B.S. was elected mayor of his hometown, Brevard, NC, on November 6, 1999. He and his wife, Carri, have one son, Quinn, age two.

Sharon Randall



'60s spotlight

Gardner-Webb alumnus **Sharon Case Randall '68 A.A.** has introduced her alma mater to newspaper readers across the nation. As a syndicated columnist through Scripps-Howard, Randall has the opportunity to share her life experiences and reflections with people throughout the United States.

"I have written columns about Gardner-Webb and have shared the memories of my experience there. It was a time in my life that I enjoyed because I had the chance to discuss issues with fellow students. We stimulated each other's thinking – like iron on iron," she recalled.

Randall said that her teachers in high school as well as her GWU professors told her she was gifted as a writer, but she did not realize that she could have a career in writing. "It never occurred to me to write for a living. My teachers encouraged me to write, but I thought that only meant I had good grammar."

Her start in the newspaper business actually began in the newspaper library of The Monterey County Herald in the Monterey Bay area of California. Randall worked there part-time so she could be at home in the afternoon with her children, Josh, Joanna and Nate. A few years later, after writing several well-received freelance pieces, Randall began writing features for the paper on a full-time basis, covering events like Bill Clinton's first inauguration. Now, Randall crafts columns two times a week which are available to 400 newspapers nationwide.

Randall's column, "The Bay Window," provides a personal look into her life and the things in life which touch her. She includes a range of her experiences from coping with the loss of her husband, Randy, to how the smell of gardenias triggers memories of her grandmother's home.

"Really, it's about ordinary, everyday things but I try to state the obvious in a different way. When you write about things you care about, like family, children and relationships, I find people care about those things, too. We all have similar emotions. The human experience is a shared one."

When she looks back on what influenced her style of commentating on the world around her, Randall remembers how her family used to spend time on the front porch during summer evenings, making observations and telling stories.

"Although I am not a professional storyteller, I do believe that writing columns comes down to telling a story. I try to focus on something and finely tune it, like looking at life through a microscope," she explained. "The actual process of writing my stories is hard work, but it is rewarding to hear that what I have done has touched someone, has been useful or entertaining."

In fact, Randall said that although she lives in California and writes for a local audience, she has received letters from people in every state who feel a connection to what she reveals in her columns. "We are reflective by nature. Humans have the need to reflect but don't have time because we are too busy running around. It takes about 10 minutes to read my column and in that time, people have a moment to reflect about things in their own lives. They seem to relate because we are all more alike than we are different."

'70s spotlight

Brenda Gray '73 B.A. was recently named vice president of development and communications for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

She brings a "deep commitment to children, a strong personal faith and a proven expertise in the field of development and communications," said BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, announcing her appointment.

Gray's 25-year ministry to children and youth has covered the spectrum from house parent/child care worker to her former position as vice president for development and communications for Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children (KBHC).

During Gray's tenure at KBHC she coordinated fund-raising efforts, programs ranging from residential care to a statewide network of outpatient Christian counseling centers, and an array of children's and families programs.

KBHC President Bill Smithwick said of Gray's dedication to the children, "There was never a time when she wasn't thinking about the kids, sharing their stories and their needs to people who could help. Her involvement with children and family ministries is more than a job and it shows."

Her commitment to child care flows from a desire to "provide kids a safe refuge where they can find hope and begin to heal – a place where they can experience the love and grace of God," she said. "Caring for hurting children and families through Christ-centered ministries is my calling – and my passion."

Although the problems facing young victims of physical and sexual abuse and neglect are great, Gray said the kind of help offered by agencies such as BCH and KBHC truly works. "I've seen the pain and grief of children who feel they have no one to turn to," she explained. "I'm committed to caring for them because I have seen first-hand the difference it can make in their lives."

Rose M. Mathis '86 has been elected senior vice president at First Citizens Bank in Wilkesboro, NC, where she also serves as a business manager for the Wilkes County area. In addition, she was recently the 1999 recipient of the Governor's Volunteer of the Year award for Wilkes County.



Kip Cloninger '87 B.S. is the assistant football and baseball coach at Sullivan Central High

School. His e-mail address is kipclon@hotmail.com.

Rev. Royce Michael Hall '87 B.S., the new pastor of Ronda First Baptist Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry on August 15, 1999. He also is enrolled in the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb.

Lisa Neel Hurley '87 A.D.N. recently moved to Dobson, NC, along with her husband, Matt, and three children. Lisa is a homemaker, legal nurse consultant and a registered nurse. Her new e-mail address is hurleytalk@advi.net.

Bryan Clay Kiser '87 B.S. was married to Jane Annis Campbell on June 28, 1999, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. He has taught in the Kings Mountain School System for 12 years, and the bride has owned and operated the Jane Campbell Dance Academy since 1980.

Wayne Desmond Stewart '87 married Maureen Ayshia Jones on September 25, 1999. He is self-employed and the bride is employed by ASHA. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Walter W. Yentsch '87 B.S. and his wife, Cari, announce the

birth of their second child, William Andrew, born October 13, 1999. Their first child, Madeline Elizabeth, will turn three years old on February 15.

Michelle Rhinehart Ashley '88 B.S. and her family recently moved to Stanley, NC. Michelle is a homemaker and her husband, Chip, teaches and coaches at East Lincoln High School. They have four children, Christian, 9; Courtney, 7; Cassidy, 4; and Connor, 3. Their e-mail address is ashleys4jc@ntie.com.

Randall Chris Hall '88 B.S. was recently promoted to executive vice president of the Bank of Asheville.

Rebecca "Jackie" Littlejohn Totten '88 B.S. is an accounting/MIS assistant at Robert E. Mason & Associates. She and her husband, Melvin, recently celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Melvin Jr., 9, and William Alexander, 10. Her e-mail address is rebecca.totten@frco.com.

Michael A. Belas '89 B.S. **GOAL** is a probation and parole officer for the North Carolina Department of Correction. He is also pursuing his master's degree in criminal justice at Columbia Southern University.

Amy Clinard Niccolai '89 B.S. and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, born August 30, 1999. Amy and Bill own their own business, Professional Pool Services of Charlotte, Inc., and their e-mail address is aniccolai@cleanweb.net.

The '90s

Karen Lynn Biddix '90 B.S., '91 M.A. was married to Jay Bailey Thomson on July 10, 1999, aboard the Catawba Belle at Queens Landing, Mooresville. She is a seventh grade math teacher at Holbrook Middle School in Lowell, and the groom is a math/PE teacher at East Lincoln High School in Denver. The couple resides in Lake Norman, NC.

Jody Hayes '90 B.S. was recently promoted to the position of field representative with American President Business Logistics Services.

R. Shawn Lewis '90 B.A. and **Dawn Jestes Lewis '92 B.A.** announce the birth of their son, Zachary Ryan, born March 11, 1999. They also have a four-year-old daughter, Breeanna Michelle. Shawn recently was named associate editor at The Register-Herald in Beckley, WV. His e-mail address is gobraves@inetone.net.

Lana Chambers '91 B.S. is a contemporary Christian musician with Lana Music Ministries. She sings throughout the East Coast at conferences, revivals and concerts, and has recorded "For the Glory of God" and "There Is Hope." Lana's e-mail address is lana@salisbury.net.

Brenda Brackett Crawford '91 B.S. and **Timothy Lee Crawford '81 B.S.** announce the birth of their daughter, Nicole Brianna, born August 5, 1999. Brenda is a social worker for the Rutherford County Department of Social Services, and Timothy is employed by Lowe's as an assistant zone

manager. They also have a son, Jonathan, 4.

Jack Eason '91 B.A. is the producer of a national live radio show, The Sound of Light, which airs on over 125 stations across the U.S. and worldwide on the Internet. He also recently recorded his 6th album and opened for the Christian recording artists, All Star United and Jeni Varnadeau. His e-mail address is jacke@crossover.org.

Laura Lambeth VanOtteren '91 B.A. has been working as a real estate paralegal for Richard M. Nichols, attorney at law in Douglas, GA for the last three years and has been the organist at First Baptist Church in Douglas for the same amount of time. Her husband, Ed, is a Wildlife Technician III in the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Their e-mail address is levost@planettel.net.

David A. Kale '92 B.A. was married to Kimberly Ruth Harris on October 9, 1999, in Shallowford Square in Lewisville, NC. He is employed by C.D.C.I. Corp. and the bride works for Dr. Steven R. Smith, D.D.S. They live in Lewisville.

Robbie Anne Morgan '92 B.S. was married to James "Jim" Austin Wrenn on July 25, 1999. She is employed at Murdoch Center and the groom is employed at AireWise. They live in Oxford, NC.

Shannon Behre Sale '92 B.S. was married to Martin Claude Hampton on October 2, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church of Lenoir, NC. She is pursuing her master's degree at Gardner-Webb and is employed by V.F. Corp. of Greensboro, and

the groom is employed by Fletcher Smith Assoc. of Mocksville. The couple resides in Greensboro.

Dawn Camp Tolbert '92 B.A. is the assistant director of public relations at Berry College in Mount Berry, GA. She also was recently named editor of the

college's alumni publication, the Berry Chronicle. Dawn and her husband, Larry, live in Cedartown, GA.

Joseph Glen Faulkner '93 B.S. and **Jeanette Lowder Faulkner '94 B.S.** announce the birth of their daughter, Joely Michelle, born July 15, 1999.

DEATHS

Leonard Allen died September 21, 1999, at Crawley Memorial Hospital. He previously was employed by Gardner-Webb as manager of the bookstore.

Deck W. Andrews passed away January 13, 1999, at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. A professor at Gardner-Webb for 15 years, Andrews retired in 1977 and was elected professor emeritus of business. He began his teaching career as a professor in the business department at Wofford College from 1948 to 1956, receiving his M.S. degree in business administration from the University of Georgia in 1952. From 1956 to 1962, Andrews taught in the business department at East Mecklenburg High School. Then, in 1962, he became chairman of the Gardner-Webb Department of Business Administration. He also sponsored Pi Gamma Mu, a social science honor fraternity.

George Ted Armstrong '66 A.A. has passed away.

Gerald T. "Uncle Bud" Becknell died September 19, 1999, at Rutherford Hospital. He had been named Man of the Year by Gardner-Webb.

Billie Bowen '39 passed away April 22, 1997.

Carolyn Wright Bumgarner '62 passed away June 19, 1998.

Olna Elizabeth Dycus Daves, a former Gardner-Webb trustee, died August 16, 1999, at Hillcrest Rest Home in Forest City, NC.

Lucille Harrelson passed away May 26, 1998.

Vickie Hogan '76 passed away August 20, 1998.

H. Reese Honeycutt '52 passed away March 16, 1999.

Ruby Stella Irvin '63 died September 1, 1999.

Lee A. James '46 passed away June 29, 1999.

Robert Glynn Porter '55 A.A. passed away November 13, 1998.

Kent Andre Rowe '94 B.S. passed away July 18, 1998, at Alexander Community Hospital.

Mary Beatrice Shutt '62 died August 14, 1999.

Joseph is the vice president of Twin J Farms Inc. of Albemarle, NC and Jeanette is a third grade teacher at Wescare Christian Academy in Troy, NC.

Terry Hairston II '93 B.S. has been promoted to corporal with the Guilford County Sheriff's Department.

Tracey Deitz Harris '93 B.S. and her husband, Gary, announce the birth of their son and daughter, Parker Jacob and Annie Katelynn, born May 19, 1999. A

middle school teacher, Tracey is currently taking a leave of absence to stay at home with the twins.

Donna Byers Hood '93 B.S., '98 M.B.A. was recently named director of the Small Business Center at Isothermal Community College. She previously served three and a half years as a research assistant in the college's Institutional Quality and Advancement Office.

Salli Phillips '93 B.S. is a

physical education teacher and volleyball coach at Granard Junior High School in Gaffney, SC. The school's volleyball team recently won its fifth conference championship in seven years, and Salli's coaching record for that seven-year period is 63 wins and 10 losses. Her e-mail address is sphillips31@mindspring.com.

John Rice '93 B.S. was married to Christine Roberts on March 27, 1999, in the Antrim Chapel of Roanoke College. John is an accounts manager at Atlantic Credit & Finance, Inc. and the bride is an administrative assistant/marketing coordinator for Boone & Co. Realtors. They live in Roanoke, VA, along with the bride's five-year-old son, Jacob. Their e-mail address is christi_rice@hotmail.com.

Angelia Lynn Roberts '93 B.S. is the information technologist for the Hart County Library and teaches computer literacy classes for the Hart County Adult Learning Center. She lives in Hartwell, GA and her e-mail address is robertsa@mail.hart.public.lib.ga.us.

Christine Cashion '94 B.S. was married to Steven Alan Bauer on June 26, 1999. She attends the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is employed by Iredell-Statesville Schools as an exceptional children teacher assistant. The groom is employed as an automotive technician. They live in Statesville.

Brian K. Dixon '94 B.S. graduated from the Candler School of Theology of Emory University with a Master's of Divinity degree in May of 1999 and was ordained to the Christian ministry by Oakhurst Baptist

Church of Decatur, GA in June of 1999. Brian currently is the assistant to the director of contextual education for the Candler School of Theology. His e-mail address is bdixon@emory.edu.

Clarence Howard '94 B.A. is a rehabilitation counselor for the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. He also serves as first lieutenant in the 391st Company B Combat Engineer Battalion.

Richard Jones '94 B.S. was married to Nicole Weatherly on May 1, 1999. He is a senior assistant at Rafferty's Restaurant and the bride is a social worker in Mecklenburg County. They live in Charlotte and their e-mail address is rcjnwj@gateway.net.

Noel T. Manning, II '94 B.A. and **Beth Lamb Manning '89 B.A.** announce the birth of their son, Noel Thomas Manning, III, born October 26, 1999.

Mali Kue McHone '94 B.S. and her husband, Raymond, announce the birth of their son, Cager Eli, born February 15, 1999.

Faron S. Baughman '95 GOAL recently graduated from Wake Forest University with an M.B.A. in operations management. He is the manufacturing manager for Thomson Crown Wood Products, and his e-mail address is baughmanf@tce.com.

Glenda Lynelle Bridges '95 B.A. and **James Franklin Mitchell '90 B.S.** were married on July 10, 1999. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Georgia and he is the head women's soccer coach

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at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. The couple lives in Natchitoches.

Jennifer Nicole Bunton '95 B.S. is a Spanish and ESL teacher and tennis coach at Crest Middle School. She is also pursuing an M.A. in romance languages at Appalachian State University. Her e-mail address is jenn14@shelby.net.

Jeff Dean '95 B.A. was recently named part-time youth minister at Marietta First Baptist Church in Marietta, SC. He also is a media analyst/buyer for The Newspaper Network. Jeff's e-mail address is Jdean@tnninc.com.

Randi Marie DePersig '95 B.S. married Jason Wayne Morris on September 11, 1999. She is a marketing coordinator for Transit Management of Spartanburg and the groom is a computer programmer at Ahold Information Services. They live in Lyman, SC.

Paul Elkana Haynes III '95 M.A. was married to Autumn Gayle Hooper on June 5, 1999, at Westport Baptist Church in Denver, NC. He is vice president of Pauls Distributing Company in Lincolnton and the bride is a registered mammographer and ultrasonographer at Lincoln Medical Center. They live in Denver.

Danielle McDonald '95 B.A. and **Andre Kwasnik '94 B.S.** were married on September 4, 1999 in Pompano Beach, FL. Danielle is the associate director at Enterprise Ambassador USA of Nova Southeastern University, and Andre is the manager of membership operations at Assurant Group. They reside in

Pembroke Pines, FL.

Melissa Sebastian '95 B.S. is an accountant for the NC Maritime Museum and recently moved to Atlantic Beach, NC.

Shannon Leigh Taylor '95 B.S., '98 M.B.A. was married to Christopher Scott Stanley on September 25, 1999, at Brown Mountain Baptist Church of Westfield, NC. She is an instructor at Forsyth Technical Community College and the groom is a carpenter with Alderman Construction Company. They reside in Westfield.

Kim Burris '96 B.S. is an admissions counselor at Gardner-Webb and is attending graduate school at GWU in the school counseling program. Her e-mail address is kburris@gardner-webb.edu.

Bryon Reid Campbell '96 B.S. GOAL has been a photographer for the Richmond Daily Journal for one year.

Cynthia Griffin Cartee '96 B.S.N. has received the honor of being chosen as one of the Nursing Great 100 for 1999. She is a cardiology patient care coordinator at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Cynthia's e-mail address is ccartee@wfubmc.edu.

Mitchell T. Cook '96 B.S. GOAL and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Weaver Cook, born June 29, 1999. They have another child, Hampton, age 3.

Chad Grimmette '96 B.A. is the new assistant football coach at Swansboro High School in

Swansboro, NC.

Rev. James "Jimmy" Morton, Jr. '96 B.A. recently spoke to 2,000 people at the Charleston, West Virginia Civic Center. In addition, he has resigned from his associate pastor position at Flint Hill Baptist Church to pursue at master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Jennifer, now live in Wake Forest, NC.

Brenda Ledford Rochford '96 B.S. is employed by Waldenbooks as a part-time salesperson. She and her husband, Kenneth, have been married for three years and have a one-year-old son, Kenneth James Rochford Jr. Her e-mail address is Mrs_Roc@hotmail.com.

Brandi Nicole Rogers '96 B.S. and **Brian Luther Ware '96 M.B.A.** were married May 8, 1999, at the Bonclarken Chapel in Flat Rock, NC. They live in Kings Mountain.

Matthew Stephens '96 M.Div. and his wife, Becky Sue, have



been appointed by the International Mission Board to serve as missionaries in the Czech Republic.

Beth Brackett Tuttle '96 B.S. and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of their son, Luke Brennan, born on April 15, 1999.

Angela Michelle Whitaker '96 A.A., '98 B.S.N. was married to Rev. Jeremy Karl Amick on October 2, 1999, at the Gardner-

Webb University Dover Memorial Chapel. She is employed by Union Regional Medical Center, and the groom attends the Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity and is the director of Refuge Christian Teen Center in Monroe, NC.

Jason C. Barnes '97 B.S. and Kristi Allen Barnes '97 B.S. announce the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Abigail, born June 30, 1999. In addition, their infomercial will be airing nationally in January.

Tamara Suzette Fox '97 B.S. was married to Jason Charles Hines on June 19, 1999. She recently received her M.A. from Wake Forest University and began a new position as math teacher at South Caldwell High School. The groom is employed by Drillers Service Inc. They live in Granite Falls, NC.

Carin Bullis Ioannou '97 B.S. GOAL and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Michael Christopher, born July 13, 1999.

Nikol McKinney '97 B.A. married Robert "Tommy" Withrow on May 21, 1999. She is the owner and director of Kid's First Child Care Center and the groom is employed by Michelin Tire Corporation. The couple resides in Forest City, NC.

Kevin C. Morgan '97 M.Div. is the minister of education and youth at First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau, MO. His e-mail address is nurserev@igateway.net.

Hope Elizabeth Walters '97 B.S. was married to the Rev. Matthew Burton Queen on July

10, 1999. She is a third-year graduate student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is employed as chaplain at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. The groom also attends Southeastern and is a staff minister at Union Chapel Baptist Church in Zebulon. The couple resides in Zebulon, NC.

Jennifer Lynn Burton '98 B.S. and Kevin Homer York were married on June 12, 1999, at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. She is a third grade teacher at Ebenezer Elementary School and he is employed at Catawba Springs Elementary School. They live in Statesville.

Cameron Elliott Floyd '98 B.A. married Rhonda Michelle Camp on September 4, 1999, at Scranton Baptist Church of Scranton, SC. He is employed by McBee Systems and the bride is employed by McLeod Regional Medical Center. The couple lives in Scranton.

James Holbrook Pass '98 and Tara Jenean Roebuck '98 were married July 17, 1999. She is employed by Iredell-Statesville Schools. They live in Cleveland, NC.

Ryan Perdue '98 B.A. married Dana Marrie Guthridge on September 4, 1999. He is a customer service representative at Sears. They live in Greensboro, NC and their e-mail address is ryandana@bellsouth.net.

John Kyle Silver '98 B.S. was married to Misti Liana Woody on June 5, 1999, at Red Hill Methodist Church in Bakersville, NC. He is employed by Toe River Health District and the bride is employed by the Mitchell County 4-H Discovery Program.

They reside in Bakersville.

Richard Jason Winn '98 B.S. and **Julie Lucretia Guffey '99 A.A.** were married on July 10, 1999, at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. He is a teaching professional at Woodbridge Golf Links and she is employed by Rutherford Hospital. They live in Boiling Springs.

Tammy Beauchamp Yarborough '98 B.S. GOAL and her husband, Darren, announce the birth of their son, Joshua Clay, born October 17, 1999. Tammy is a community educator at HAVEN in Lee County and her e-mail address is yar@mag-net.net.

Aline da Cunha Bomfim '99 B.S. married Andrew Jon Montognese on June 12, 1999. She is employed by Duke Energy in Charlotte, and the groom is employed by Diamond Electric Supply in Gastonia. The couple resides in Mont Holly, NC.

April Childers Cline '99 B.S. GOAL is a computer lab facilitator at Catawba Valley Community College. Her e-mail address is clines@abts.net.

Tim Dupree '99 B.S. and **Tonya Dupree '99** have moved to Raleigh. Tim is a stock broker with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Tonya is a sales manager with Belk Hudson. Their e-mail address is TntDupree@aol.com.

Theresa Lynn McSwain Gantt '99 B.S. was married to William Richard "Butch" Piercy on September 18, 1999, at Sandy Plains Baptist Church in Shelby. She is employed by Shagreen Nursery and Arboretum and the

groom is employed by Cleveland Landscaping Service. They live in Shelby.

Paula Houston Gantt '99 M.B.A. was married to Allen Brawley on May 28, 1999. She is the executive director of the Alexander County Partnership for Children and the groom is employed by Rehab Solutions. They live in Mooresville, NC.

Amy Hester Hamrick '99 B.S. was married to Dustin Willis Goodrum on July 17, 1999, at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Shelby. She is a math teacher at Crest High School and the groom is a police officer in Mount Holly. The couple resides in Shelby.

Amanda Marie Keen '99 B.A. married Jonathan Arnold Martin on July 31, 1999, at Central Church of God in Charlotte. She is an English teacher at Cherryville High School and the groom attends Gardner-Webb. They live in Kings Mountain, NC.

Joshua Lail '99 B.S. has been named vice president of Bethlehem Insurance Agency Inc. and Bethlehem Realty Inc.

Eric S. Lewis '99 B.S. GOAL has been promoted to quality manager of Dana Corporation/Wix Division. He also has been appointed to the North Carolina Performance Excellence Process 1999 Board of Examiners and the American Society for Quality 1999 Board of Directors, Charlotte section. His e-mail address is eric.lewis@dana.com.

Shawn Montgomery '99 B.A. is a seventh grade social studies

teacher at Gentry Middle School in Mt. Airy, NC. His e-mail address is smontgomery@aisva.net.

Melissa Ann Owenby '99 B.S. was married to Derek Hamilton Jones on September 4, 1999, at Mt. Ruhama Baptist Church in Maiden, NC. She is employed by Christian Tours and the groom is employed by Diddley Dadburn Tree Plantation. The couple resides in Newton, NC.

Michele Marie Slater '99 B.S. was married to William Forrest Criss III on July 31, 1999, at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC. The couple resides in Shelby.

Julia "Julie" Allison Smith '99 M.B.A. was married to Edwin Lee Shull on August 28, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Lenoir, NC. They live in Greenville, SC.

Rebecca Leigh Stutts '99 B.S. married Stephen Edward Blemings on September 18, 1999, at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. She is an assistant manager for American Eagle Outfitters in Winston-Salem and the groom is a senior police officer for the Winston-Salem Police Department. The couple resides in Pfafftown.



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